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SUBJECT: EAST ASIA BRIEF OCPAS EAB 85-140 FOR 17 JUNE 1985.

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ITEM

INDONESIA: FOREIGN CRITICISM OF EXECUTION

//INDONESIA'S RECENT EXECUTION OF A FORMER COMMUNIST PARTY
ACTIVIST--SENTENCED TO DEATH IN 1972--HAS PROMPTED SHARP
INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM. SOVIET MEDIA AND GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS HAVE
DEPLORED JAKARTA'S DISREGARD FOR INTERNATIONAL APPEALS FOR CLEMENCY.
ILO, AUSTRALIAN, AND DUTCH OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED SIMILAR CONCERN.
EVEN SO, INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE INDICATED THEIR INTENT TO CARRY
OUT THE PENDING DEATH SENTENCES OF THREE OTHER CONVICTED
COMMUNISTS.// [REDACTED]

COMMENT: //PROCEEDING WITH THE EXECUTION AFTER 13 YEARS--PARTLY
A REFLECTION OF JAKARTA'S PROTRACTED JUDICIAL PROCESS--IS ALMOST
CERTAINLY INTENDED TO REAFFIRM THAT ACTIONS LIKE THE RECENT OPENINGS

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IN TRADE WITH CHINA DO NOT SIGNAL AN EASING OF THE GOVERNMENT'S
ANTI-COMMUNISM. IN ADDITION, PRESIDENT SOEHARTO WANTS TO UNDERSCORE
HIS RESOLVE TO DEAL HARSHLY WITH OTHER EXTREMISTS, SUCH AS MUSLIM
ACTIVISTS. THE GOVERNMENT PROBABLY ALSO HOPES THAT MOSCOW'S
CONDEMNATION--AN OBLIGATORY EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY WITH A FOREIGN
COMMUNIST PARTY--WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE THE GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT IN
BILATERAL RELATIONS.// [REDACTED]

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